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Passing of audit reports of the Producerscum-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, South Malabar.

* 1368 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the general body of Kondotty Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, South Malabar, has not met and passed accounts from its inception; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir. The general body of the Kondotty Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, South Malabar, met thrice and passed the audit reports for the years 1946–47 and 1947–48. The general body could not meet and pass audit reports for subsequent years on account of the breakdown in the administration of the Society due to local faction. An attempt was made to reconstitute the Board of Directors by holding a fresh election by ballot. But the election could not be held as three members of the society whose nominations were rejected by the Returning Officer filed a suit in District Munsif's Court, Manjeri, and the District Munsif issued an injunction restraining the Returning Officer from holding the election and appointed a Receiver for the Society. Another three members have filed a writ petition in the High Court for a direction to hold the election. Both the cases are still pending."

11 a.m. Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the fact that the circumstances that existed when these Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Societies were formed have changed after decontrol and that they are now facing fresh problems on account of the shortage in offtake, will the Government institute an inquiry into their present condition and take steps to reorganize them? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" That is a separate question. The matter is being considered."

Sri A. APPU :—" May I know why this society was not superseded in view of the fact there was a lot of faction there and there were also reports of misappropriation of funds of the society while several other societies of a similar nature were superseded by the Government? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be given notice of."

Construction of a bridge across the Upparahalla at mile 1/1 of Golithattu-Kokkada road, South Kanara.

* 1369 *Q.*—Sri K. VENKATRAMANA GOWDA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the construction of a bridge across the Upperahalla river on the Golithattu-Kokkada road, South Kanara, has been included in the Five-Year Plan;